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FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARS IN OCTOBER 26 AHRAM:

QUOTE: YESTERDAY EGYPTIAN RADAR UNITS DETECTED A VIOLATION OF EGYPTIAN AIRSPACE BY THREE SR-71 RECONNAISSANCE PLANES A TYPE OWNED ONLY BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE RECONNAISSANCE OPERATION STARTED WHEN A PLANE WAS DETECTED BY EGYPTIAN RADAR UNITS, AN OFFICIAL SOURCE SAID. THE PLANE , HE ADDED, WAS FLYING AT HIGH ALTITUDE AND AT THREE TIMES THE SPEED OF SOUND. IT WAS SHORTLY FOLLOWED BY A SIMILAR SORTIE OF TWO PLANES FLYING AT THE SAME SPEED AND ALTITUDE, THE OFFICIAL SOURCE SAID. EGYPTIAN RADAR UNITS, HE ADDED, TRACKED THESE PLANES AS THEY CAME IN FROM A GREAT DISTANCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, UNTIL THEY RETURNED TO THEIR BASES IN EITHER GREECE OR TURKEY.

"THESE PLANES HAD BEEN DETECTED FOR THE FIRST TIME OVER EGYPTIAN TERRITORY ON OCTOBER 13 WHEN THEY MADE A SIMILAR MISSION, THE SOURCE SAID.

"AT THE TIME, HE ADDED, TWO PLANES OF THE SAME TYPE OVER-FLEW, IN A RECONNAISSANCE OPERATION, VAST AREAS OF EGYPTIAN
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TERRITORY, ESPECIALLY CONCENTRATING ON THE SUEZ CANAL ZONE,

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THE SUEZ GULF AND A MAJOR PORTION OF THE RED SEA. END QUOTE.
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